



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
San Diego Health Care System
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**VETERANS AFFAIRS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES RESIDENCY
(VALOR) PHARMACY PROGRAM 2010**

The VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS) Pharmacy Service is a participant in the nationwide VALOR Program designed to foster future pharmacy leaders within the V.A. system. VASDHS was one of the first V.A. sites granted the VALOR pharmacy program in the country. We have four positions available for pharmacy students who are currently in their third professional year (or equivalent) of education at an accredited School or College of Pharmacy. Selected VALOR interns will be required to work full-time during the summer months immediately prior to their rotations and will be expected to work on a part-time basis during their rotational year at the VASDHS.

The goal of the VASDHS VALOR program is to provide hands-on experience in various facets of hospital-based pharmacy practice, assist in developing leadership skills and help prepare the intern for a residency program through advanced clinical training. The VALOR interns will have an opportunity to be exposed to different areas of pharmacy practice, including medicine/surgery, ambulatory care, clinical specialties (oncology, infectious diseases, critical care, emergency department, spinal cord injury, renal, geriatrics, psychology), quality improvement, pharmacy administration and pharmacoeconomics. Interns will also have the opportunity to participate in various research projects involving clinical and/or quality assurance topics with experience in developing an IRB, creating a research design and preparing for a poster presentation.

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Length of Program: 400 hours minimum between hire date and graduation

Pay: Approximately \$22.46 – \$25.50/hour

Number of Positions: One

Application Deadline: February 26, 2010

Starting Date: June 1, 2010

(For students in year-round programs, the starting date and staffing duties for the summer will be rescheduled to accommodate their schedule.)

Requirements:

- GPA of 3.0 or higher (no exceptions)
- Must be entering last year (rotational year) of pharmacy school in Summer 2010
- Must be able to demonstrate leadership potential
- Must have excellent communication skills – written and verbal
- Must have an interest in hospital-based practice and plan to apply for a PGY1 residency program in the winter of 2010

Facilities: VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS) includes a 238-bed tertiary care medical center in La Jolla and clinics in Mission Valley, Imperial Valley, Chula Vista, Vista, and Escondido, as well as two Veterans Centers in San Diego and Vista. VA San Diego has seven inpatient care areas consisting of an Intensive Care Unit, Direct Observation Unit, Surgery, Medicine, Extended Care Center, Psychiatry and Spinal Cord Injury. The VA San Diego Pharmacy Service has a decentralized pharmacy with barcode medication administration (BCMA), IV and chemotherapy compounding services, automated prescription filling (ScriptPro Central), automated dispensing units for each patient area (Omniceil), and an IV narcotics accountability software program for the OR (DocuSys). The VA Healthcare System uses a Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) for all patient care documentation.

How to Apply:

Please mail the following items to the VALOR Coordinator by the deadline date:

1. Personal statement/cover letter
2. Updated curriculum vitae
3. Official pharmacy school transcript
4. Names and contact numbers of three references